

A PROVISIONAL REPORT
ON-DUTY FIREFIGHTER FATALITIES IN THE UNITED STATES
Date Range 1/1/2008 to 8/31/2008

Number of On-Duty Firefighter Fatalities: 84
Count of Hometown Heroes: 7

Classification:

40 Volunteer 47.6%
23 Career 27.3%
9 Wildland Contract 10.7%
3 Wildland Full-Time 3.57%
3 Part-Time(Paid) 3.57%
3 Paid-on-Call 3.57%
3 Wildland Part-Time 3.57%

Number of Multiple Firefighter Fatality Incidents: 4
Number of Firefighter Fatalities Associated with Wildland Incidents: 19

Type of Duty:

25 On-Scene Fire 29.7%
24 Other On-Duty 28.5%
13 Responding 15.4%
9 After 10.7%
6 On-Scene Non-Fire 7.14%
4 Training 4.76%
2 Returning 2.38%
1 Other 1.19%

Percent of Fatalities Related to Emergency Duty: 66.6%
Number of firefighter fatalities associated with suspicious/arson fires: 1

Type of Incident:

26 Not Incident Related 30.9%
24 Structure Fire 28.5%
17 Wildland 20.2%
5 MVA 5.95%
4 EMS 4.76%
4 Other 4.76%
2 Vehicle Fire 2.38%
1 Tech Rescue 1.19%
1 Rescue/Extrication 1.19%

Cause of Fatal Injury:

35 Stress/Overexertion 41.6%
23 Vehicle Collision 27.3%
11 Struck by 13.0%
10 Caught/Trapped 11.9%
2 Fall 2.38%
1 Collapse 1.19%
1 Other 1.19%
1 Contact with 1.19%

Nature of Fatal Injury:

35 Trauma 41.6%
31 Heart Attack 36.9%
6 Asphyxiation 7.14%
4 Burns 4.76%
4 CVA 4.76%
2 Violence 2.38%
1 Electrocution 1.19%
1 Other 1.19%

Age of Firefighter When the Fatal Injury Was Sustained:

5 - Under 21
9 - 21 to 25
8 - 26 to 30
18 - 31 to 40
19 - 41 to 50
9 - 51 to 60
16 - 61 and Over

Percent of Firefighter Fatalities Under Age 40 42.9%

Type of Activity:

38 Not On Scene 45.2%
13 Advance Hose Lines 15.4%
13 Responding 15.4%
5 Other 5.95%
4 Unknown 4.76%
3 IC 3.57%
2 Support 2.38%
2 S&R 2.38%
1 Extrication 1.19%
1 Ventilation 1.19%
1 Scene Safety 1.19%
1 Unknown 1.19%

Time of Fatal Injury:

2 0100-0259
0 0300-0459
10 0500-0659
8 0700-0859
9 0900-1059
8 1100-1259
5 1300-1459
10 1500-1659
6 1700-1859
16 1900-2059
2 2100-2259
2 2300-0059
6 Unknown

Month of the Year:

13 January 15.4%
12 February 14.2%
11 March 13.0%
10 April 11.9%
6 May 7.14%
7 June 8.33%
11 July 13.0%
14 August 16.6%

Firefighter Fatalities by State by Location of Fire Service Organization:

1 Alabama 1.19%
1 Arkansas 1.19%
1 Arizona 1.19%
6 California 7.14%
4 Colorado 4.76%
2 Florida 2.38%
1 Georgia 1.19%
4 Illinois 4.76%
2 Indiana 2.38%
1 Kentucky 1.19%
2 Louisiana 2.38%
2 Maryland 2.38%
1 Michigan 1.19%
1 Minnesota 1.19%
5 Missouri 5.95%
2 Mississippi 2.38%
1 Montana 1.19%
10 North Carolina 11.9%
1 New Jersey 1.19%
1 New Mexico 1.19%
3 New York 3.57%
5 Ohio 5.95%
1 Oklahoma 1.19%
9 Oregon 10.7%
9 Pennsylvania 10.7%
1 Rhode Island 1.19%
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